

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**Senate Bill No. 2003 - Summary of Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
University System Office						
Total all funds	\$159,479,512	\$208,211,852	\$2,500,620	\$210,712,472	\$217,702,472	(\$6,990,000)
Less estimated income	26,260,897	65,386,749	(2,240,000)	63,146,749	66,136,749	(2,990,000)
General fund	\$133,218,615	\$142,825,103	\$4,740,620	\$147,565,723	\$151,565,723	(\$4,000,000)
FTE	162.83	168.83	0.00	168.83	168.83	0.00
Bismarck State College						
Total all funds	\$111,948,863	\$118,513,894	\$800,000	\$119,313,894	\$118,513,894	\$800,000
Less estimated income	74,566,953	79,018,523	800,000	79,818,523	79,018,523	800,000
General fund	\$37,381,910	\$39,495,371	\$0	\$39,495,371	\$39,495,371	\$0
FTE	335.33	338.25	0.00	338.25	338.25	0.00
Lake Region State College						
Total all funds	\$42,276,400	\$43,749,157	\$3,445,308	\$47,194,465	\$47,894,465	(\$700,000)
Less estimated income	26,601,597	27,532,768	2,500,000	30,032,768	27,532,768	2,500,000
General fund	\$15,674,803	\$16,216,389	\$945,308	\$17,161,697	\$20,361,697	(\$3,200,000)
FTE	120.59	115.15	0.00	115.15	115.15	0.00
Williston State College						
Total all funds	\$38,640,317	\$39,574,119	\$1,490,000	\$41,064,119	\$41,064,119	\$0
Less estimated income	25,154,992	25,951,804	0	25,951,804	25,951,804	0
General fund	\$13,485,325	\$13,622,315	\$1,490,000	\$15,112,315	\$15,112,315	\$0
FTE	102.83	99.74	0.00	99.74	99.74	0.00
University of North Dakota						
Total all funds	\$974,637,236	\$1,106,670,433	\$48,508,229	\$1,155,178,662	\$1,164,178,662	(\$9,000,000)
Less estimated income	790,481,856	911,108,202	49,000,000	960,108,202	963,108,202	(3,000,000)
General fund	\$184,155,380	\$195,562,231	(\$491,771)	\$195,070,460	\$201,070,460	(\$6,000,000)
FTE	2,060.56	2,191.95	0.00	2,191.95	2,191.95	0.00
UND Medical Center						
Total all funds	\$251,073,118	\$269,663,631	\$224,843	\$269,888,474	\$269,888,474	\$0
Less estimated income	168,241,842	174,018,316	0	174,018,316	174,018,316	0
General fund	\$82,831,276	\$95,645,315	\$224,843	\$95,870,158	\$95,870,158	\$0
FTE	488.83	529.06	0.00	529.06	529.06	0.00
North Dakota State University						
Total all funds	\$817,664,195	\$988,365,138	(\$286,703)	\$988,078,435	\$997,078,435	(\$9,000,000)
Less estimated income	653,917,430	813,690,221	4,000,000	817,690,221	825,690,221	(8,000,000)
General fund	\$163,746,765	\$174,674,917	(\$4,286,703)	\$170,388,214	\$171,388,214	(\$1,000,000)
FTE	1,867.50	1,805.96	0.00	1,805.96	1,805.96	0.00
State College of Science						
Total all funds	\$103,502,634	\$110,424,111	\$1,365,000	\$111,789,111	\$110,489,111	\$1,300,000
Less estimated income	63,645,097	65,918,675	65,000	65,983,675	65,983,675	0
General fund	\$39,857,537	\$44,505,436	\$1,300,000	\$45,805,436	\$44,505,436	\$1,300,000
FTE	313.95	326.54	0.00	326.54	326.54	0.00
Dickinson State University						
Total all funds	\$57,137,824	\$73,008,639	\$0	\$73,008,639	\$75,383,639	(\$2,375,000)
Less estimated income	32,697,829	46,456,545	0	46,456,545	46,456,545	0
General fund	\$24,439,995	\$26,552,094	\$0	\$26,552,094	\$28,927,094	(\$2,375,000)
FTE	178.00	170.80	0.00	170.80	170.80	0.00
Mayville State University						

Total all funds	\$56,654,367	\$93,878,897	\$500,000	\$94,378,897	\$96,953,897	(\$2,575,000)
Less estimated income	34,375,971	71,136,306	0	71,136,306	71,136,306	0
General fund	\$22,278,396	\$22,742,591	\$500,000	\$23,242,591	\$25,817,591	(\$2,575,000)
FTE	226.92	226.92	0.00	226.92	226.92	0.00
Minot State University						
Total all funds	\$117,609,668	\$133,542,849	\$16,635,000	\$150,177,849	\$151,177,849	(\$1,000,000)
Less estimated income	68,644,425	83,483,638	7,500,000	90,983,638	87,133,638	3,850,000
General fund	\$48,965,243	\$50,059,211	\$9,135,000	\$59,194,211	\$64,044,211	(\$4,850,000)
FTE	423.63	421.16	0.00	421.16	421.16	0.00
Valley City State University						
Total all funds	\$56,464,729	\$57,964,247	\$0	\$57,964,247	\$57,964,247	\$0
Less estimated income	28,111,916	29,533,031	0	29,533,031	29,533,031	0
General fund	\$28,352,813	\$28,431,216	\$0	\$28,431,216	\$28,431,216	\$0
FTE	211.94	217.44	0.00	217.44	217.44	0.00
Dakota College at Bottineau						
Total all funds	\$26,343,148	\$27,592,845	\$500,000	\$28,092,845	\$28,092,845	\$0
Less estimated income	14,900,270	15,456,034	0	15,456,034	15,456,034	0
General fund	\$11,442,878	\$12,136,811	\$500,000	\$12,636,811	\$12,636,811	\$0
FTE	84.00	87.85	0.00	87.85	87.85	0.00
Forest Service						
Total all funds	\$24,993,531	\$26,585,944	\$350,000	\$26,935,944	\$26,935,944	\$0
Less estimated income	19,141,941	20,191,020	350,000	20,541,020	20,541,020	0
General fund	\$5,851,590	\$6,394,924	\$0	\$6,394,924	\$6,394,924	\$0
FTE	29.00	34.00	2.00	36.00	36.00	0.00
Bank of North Dakota						
Total all funds	\$0	\$8,000,000	(\$8,000,000)	\$0	\$8,000,000	(\$8,000,000)
Less estimated income	0	8,000,000	(8,000,000)	0	8,000,000	(8,000,000)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bill total						
Total all funds	\$2,838,425,542	\$3,305,745,756	\$68,032,297	\$3,373,778,053	\$3,411,318,053	(\$37,540,000)
Less estimated income	2,026,743,016	2,436,881,832	53,975,000	2,490,856,832	2,505,696,832	(14,840,000)
General fund	\$811,682,526	\$868,863,924	\$14,057,297	\$882,921,221	\$905,621,221	(\$22,700,000)
FTE	6,605.91	6,733.65	2.00	6,735.65	6,735.65	0.00

Senate Bill No. 2003 - North Dakota University System - General Fund Summary

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
University System Office	\$133,218,615	\$142,825,103	\$4,740,620	\$147,565,723	\$151,565,723	(\$4,000,000)
Bismarck State College	37,381,910	39,495,371		39,495,371	39,495,371	
Lake Region State College	15,674,803	16,216,389	945,308	17,161,697	20,361,697	(3,200,000)
Williston State College	13,485,325	13,622,315	1,490,000	15,112,315	15,112,315	
University of North Dakota	184,155,380	195,562,231	(491,771)	195,070,460	201,070,460	(6,000,000)
UND Medical Center	82,831,276	95,645,315	224,843	95,870,158	95,870,158	
North Dakota State University	163,746,765	174,674,917	(4,286,703)	170,388,214	171,388,214	(1,000,000)
State College of Science	39,857,537	44,505,436	1,300,000	45,805,436	44,505,436	1,300,000
Dickinson State University	24,439,995	26,552,094		26,552,094	28,927,094	(2,375,000)
Mayville State University	22,278,396	22,742,591	500,000	23,242,591	25,817,591	(2,575,000)
Minot State University	48,965,243	50,059,211	9,135,000	59,194,211	64,044,211	(4,850,000)
Valley City State University	28,352,813	28,431,216		28,431,216	28,431,216	
Dakota College at Bottineau	11,442,878	12,136,811	500,000	12,636,811	12,636,811	
Forest Service	5,851,590	6,394,924		6,394,924	6,394,924	
Bank of North Dakota						
Total general fund	\$811,682,526	\$868,863,924	\$14,057,297	\$882,921,221	\$905,621,221	(\$22,700,000)

Detail of Conference Committee Changes to General Fund

	Adjusts Funding for System Office¹	Provides Funding Formula Adjustments²	Adds Funding for Capital Projects³	Reduces Funding for Higher Performance Computing⁴	Adds Other One-Time Funding⁵	Adjusts Forest Service Funding⁶
University System Office	\$4,740,620					
Bismarck State College						
Lake Region State College		\$945,308				
Williston State College					\$1,490,000	
University of North Dakota		508,229		(\$1,000,000)		
UND Medical Center		224,843				
North Dakota State University		(3,286,703)		(1,000,000)		
State College of Science					1,300,000	
Dickinson State University						
Mayville State University					500,000	
Minot State University			\$9,135,000			
Valley City State University						
Dakota College at Bottineau			500,000			
Forest Service						
Bank of North Dakota						
Total general fund	\$4,740,620	(\$1,608,323)	\$9,635,000	(\$2,000,000)	\$3,290,000	\$0
	Removes Funding for Economic Diversification Research⁷	Total General Fund Changes				
University System Office		\$4,740,620				
Bismarck State College						
Lake Region State College		945,308				
Williston State College		1,490,000				
University of North Dakota		(491,771)				
UND Medical Center		224,843				
North Dakota State University		(4,286,703)				
State College of Science		1,300,000				
Dickinson State University						
Mayville State University		500,000				
Minot State University		9,135,000				
Valley City State University						
Dakota College at Bottineau		500,000				
Forest Service						
Bank of North Dakota						
Total general fund	\$0	\$14,057,297				

Senate Bill No. 2003 - North Dakota University System - Other Funds Summary

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
University System Office	\$26,260,897	\$65,386,749	(\$2,240,000)	\$63,146,749	\$66,136,749	(\$2,990,000)
Bismarck State College	74,566,953	79,018,523	800,000	79,818,523	79,018,523	800,000
Lake Region State College	26,601,597	27,532,768	2,500,000	30,032,768	27,532,768	2,500,000
Williston State College	25,154,992	25,951,804		25,951,804	25,951,804	
University of North Dakota	790,481,856	911,108,202	49,000,000	960,108,202	963,108,202	(3,000,000)
UND Medical Center	168,241,842	174,018,316		174,018,316	174,018,316	
North Dakota State University	653,917,430	813,690,221	4,000,000	817,690,221	825,690,221	(8,000,000)
State College of Science	63,645,097	65,918,675	65,000	65,983,675	65,983,675	
Dickinson State University	32,697,829	46,456,545		46,456,545	46,456,545	
Mayville State University	34,375,971	71,136,306		71,136,306	71,136,306	
Minot State University	68,644,425	83,483,638	7,500,000	90,983,638	87,133,638	3,850,000
Valley City State University	28,111,916	29,533,031		29,533,031	29,533,031	
Dakota College at Bottineau	14,900,270	15,456,034		15,456,034	15,456,034	
Forest Service	19,141,941	20,191,020	350,000	20,541,020	20,541,020	
Bank of North Dakota		8,000,000	(8,000,000)		8,000,000	(8,000,000)
Total other funds	\$2,026,743,016	\$2,436,881,832	\$53,975,000	\$2,490,856,832	\$2,505,696,832	(\$14,840,000)

Detail of Conference Committee Changes to Other Funds

	Adjusts Funding for University System Office¹	Provides Funding Formula Adjustments²	Adds Funding for Capital Projects³	Reduces Funding for Higher Performance Computing⁴	Adds Other One-Time Funding⁵	Adjusts Forest Service Funding⁶
University System Office	(\$2,240,000)					
Bismarck State College			\$800,000			
Lake Region State College			2,500,000			
Williston State College						
University of North Dakota			45,000,000		\$4,000,000	
UND Medical Center						
North Dakota State University					4,000,000	
State College of Science			65,000			
Dickinson State University						
Mayville State University						
Minot State University			7,500,000			
Valley City State University						
Dakota College at Bottineau						
Forest Service						\$350,000
Bank of North Dakota						
Total other funds	(\$2,240,000)	\$0	\$55,865,000	\$0	\$8,000,000	\$350,000

	Removes Funding for Economic Diversification Research⁷	Total Other Funds Changes
University System Office		(\$2,240,000)
Bismarck State College		800,000
Lake Region State College		2,500,000
Williston State College		
University of North Dakota		49,000,000
UND Medical Center		
North Dakota State University		4,000,000
State College of Science		65,000
Dickinson State University		
Mayville State University		
Minot State University		7,500,000
Valley City State University		
Dakota College at Bottineau		
Forest Service		350,000
Bank of North Dakota	(\$8,000,000)	(8,000,000)
Total other funds	(\$8,000,000)	\$53,975,000

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Bismarck State College	111,948,863	118,513,894	800,000	119,313,894	118,513,894	800,000
Lake Region State College	42,276,400	43,749,157	3,445,308	47,194,465	47,894,465	(700,000)
Williston State College	38,640,317	39,574,119	1,490,000	41,064,119	41,064,119	
University of North Dakota	974,637,236	1,106,670,433	48,508,229	1,155,178,662	1,164,178,662	(9,000,000)
UND Medical Center	251,073,118	269,663,631	224,843	269,888,474	269,888,474	
North Dakota State University	817,664,195	988,365,138	(286,703)	988,078,435	997,078,435	(9,000,000)
State College of Science	103,502,634	110,424,111	1,365,000	111,789,111	110,489,111	1,300,000
Dickinson State University	57,137,824	73,008,639		73,008,639	75,383,639	(2,375,000)
Mayville State University	56,654,367	93,878,897	500,000	94,378,897	96,953,897	(2,575,000)
Minot State University	117,609,668	133,542,849	16,635,000	150,177,849	151,177,849	(1,000,000)
Valley City State University	56,464,729	57,964,247		57,964,247	57,964,247	
Dakota College at Bottineau	26,343,148	27,592,845	500,000	28,092,845	28,092,845	
Forest Service	24,993,531	26,585,944	350,000	26,935,944	26,935,944	
Bank of North Dakota		8,000,000	(8,000,000)		8,000,000	(8,000,000)
Total all funds	\$2,838,425,542	\$3,305,745,756	\$68,032,297	\$3,373,778,053	\$3,411,318,053	(\$37,540,000)
FTE	6,605.91	6,733.65	2.00	6,735.65	6,735.65	0.00

Detail of Conference Committee Changes to All Funds

	Adjusts Funding for University System Office ¹	Provides Funding Formula Adjustments ²	Adds Funding for Capital Projects ³	Reduces Funding for Higher Performance Computing ⁴	Adds Other One-Time Funding ⁵	Adjusts Forest Service Funding ⁶
University System Office	\$2,500,620					
Bismarck State College			\$800,000			
Lake Region State College		\$945,308	2,500,000			
Williston State College					\$1,490,000	
University of North Dakota		508,229	45,000,000	(\$1,000,000)	4,000,000	
UND Medical Center		224,843				
North Dakota State University		(3,286,703)		(1,000,000)	4,000,000	
State College of Science			65,000		1,300,000	
Dickinson State University						
Mayville State University					500,000	
Minot State University			16,635,000			
Valley City State University						
Dakota College at Bottineau			500,000			
Forest Service						\$350,000
Bank of North Dakota						
Total all funds	\$2,500,620	(\$1,608,323)	\$65,500,000	(\$2,000,000)	\$11,290,000	\$350,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00

	Removes Funding for Economic Diversification Research¹	Total All Funds Changes
University System Office		\$2,500,620
Bismarck State College		800,000
Lake Region State College		3,445,308
Williston State College		1,490,000
University of North Dakota		48,508,229
UND Medical Center		224,843
North Dakota State University		(286,703)
State College of Science		1,365,000
Dickinson State University		
Mayville State University		500,000
Minot State University		16,635,000
Valley City State University		
Dakota College at Bottineau		500,000
Forest Service		350,000
Bank of North Dakota	(\$8,000,000)	(8,000,000)
Total all funds	(\$8,000,000)	\$68,032,297
FTE	0.00	2.00

¹ Funding is adjusted for the University System office as follows:

Description	Senate Version	House Version	Conference Committee Version
Challenge grants (SIIF)	\$25,000,000	\$25,750,000	\$24,760,000
Student financial assistance grants (general fund)	31,917,306	31,917,306	30,917,306
Workforce education innovation grants (SIIF)	12,000,000	12,000,000	10,000,000
Supplemental student financial assistance grants (general fund)	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Campus IT infrastructure	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Dakota Digital Academy (general fund)	450,000	0	0
Inflationary increase (general fund)	1,740,701	1,740,701	740,701
Information technology security (general fund)	0	4,190,620	3,190,620
Total	\$72,108,007	\$81,598,627	\$74,608,627

In addition to the changes identified above, the Conference Committee provided for \$1.5 million of funding from the general fund for the professional student exchange program to be identified as ongoing rather than one-time, the same as the House.

² The following adjustments are made to institution general fund appropriations through the higher education funding formula, the same as the House version:

Institution	Formula Adjustments	Hold Harmless	Base Rates Equalization	Increase Base Rates by 4 Percent	Total Adjustment to Senate Version
Lake Region State College	\$0	\$945,308	\$0	\$0	\$945,308
University of North Dakota	0	0	484,028	24,201	508,229
UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences	0	0	214,136	10,707	224,843
North Dakota State University	(9,318,724)	6,396,841	0	(364,820)	(3,286,703)
Total	(\$9,318,724)	\$7,342,149	\$698,164	(\$329,912)	(\$1,608,323)

³ One-time funding is added for the following capital projects:

Project	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds
BSC student housing to provide a total of \$2.2 million from other funds for the project	\$0	\$800,000	\$800,000
LRSC roof (SIIF)	0	2,500,000	2,500,000
UND SMHS allied health facility phase I (\$5 million from community health trust fund and remainder from tiers and local funds)	0	45,000,000	45,000,000
NDSCS land purchase (local funds)	0	65,000	65,000
MiSU track (local funds)	0	3,000,000	3,000,000
MiSU regional health sciences institute (tiers and local funds)	8,500,000	4,500,000	13,000,000
MiSU Dakota Hall demolition	635,000	0	635,000
DCB student housing	<u>500,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Total	\$9,635,000	\$55,865,000	\$65,500,000

The Conference Committee authorizes NDSU to utilize other funds from the institution's allocation in the University System capital building fund, revenue bond proceeds, and other local funds for the University Village and Memorial Union projects, the same as the House. Capital projects authorized for institutions include the associated razing of nearby facilities and facilities being replaced.

The Conference Committee did not add \$2,375,000 from the general fund added by the House for campus security and deferred maintenance costs at Dickinson State University.

⁴ One-time funding of \$2 million from the general fund added by the Senate for high performance computing at UND and NDSU is removed by the Conference Committee. The University of North Dakota and NDSU each have \$2.5 million from the general fund in their base budgets for research network costs.

⁵ Other one-time funding is added as follows:

Project or Program	Senate Version	House Version	Conference Committee Version
WSC health care program startup costs (general fund)	\$0	\$1,490,000	\$1,490,000
MaSU salaries and wages and campus security (general fund)	0	3,075,000	0
MaSU nursing simulation laboratory (general fund)	0	0	500,000
NDSCS lease payments (general fund)	0	0	1,000,000
NDSCS aviation maintenance program startup (general fund)	0	0	300,000
UND national security crossroads (SIIF)	12,000,000	24,000,000	16,000,000
NDSU new horizons programming (SIIF)	12,000,000	24,000,000	16,000,000
MiSU advancing students toward education and employment (general fund)	<u>500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Total	\$24,500,000	\$54,065,000	\$35,790,000

⁶ Funding of \$350,000 from special funds is added for 2 new FTE positions for the conservation tree improvement initiative.

⁷ Funding of \$8 million from SIIF for the economic diversification research fund is removed. Both the House and the Senate included \$8 million from SIIF for the economic diversification research fund.

Senate Bill No. 2003 - Other Changes - Conference Committee Action

This amendment also:

- Identifies \$170,006,814 from SIIF included in Section 1 for various projects and programs. The House provided \$186,496,814 and the Senate provided \$161,746,814 from SIIF for various projects and programs.
- Adds a section to identify \$5 million from the community health trust fund for the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences allied health facility project. Neither the House nor the Senate appropriated funding from the community health trust fund for this project.
- Adds a section to direct the University System office to transfer \$342,000 to Lake Region State College for the cost of an early retirement agreement, the same as the House.
- Removes a section providing for a transfer of \$8 million from SIIF to the economic diversification research fund. Both the House and the Senate provided for the transfer of \$8 million from SIIF to the economic diversification

research fund.

- Adjusts sections relating to the University System capital building fund to reduce the transfer from SIIF to the fund by \$5 million, to provide a total of \$26.5 million from SIIF for Tiers II and III of the University System capital building fund, the same as the House. Tier III matching fund requirements are adjusted to require \$1 of matching funds for every \$1 from Tier III of the University System capital building fund for campuses excluding UND and NDSU, the same as the House. The Conference Committee provided for Tier III matching requirements for UND and NDSU to remain \$2 of matching funds for every \$1 from Tier III, the same as the House.
- Adds a section to identify \$800,000 appropriated from the general fund to the North Dakota State College of Science is for enhanced lease payments for a facility in north Fargo. Neither the House nor the Senate included this appropriation.
- Adjusts allocations from the higher education challenge matching grants program to provide for Dickinson State University to receive the same level of funding as Bismarck State College, Minot State University, and the North Dakota State College of Science, the same as the House.
- Provides for the State Board of Higher Education to establish a committee, guidelines, and application process for the administration of the workforce education innovation grant program, the same as the House. The Conference Committee also provided for a limit of \$1.5 million per campus from the workforce education innovation grant program.
- Does not add a section added by the House to allow any institution under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to offer dual-credit courses in the county in which the institution's primary campus is located. The Conference Committee provided for a study of dual-credit courses in the state.
- Does not add a section added by the House requiring repayment of professional student exchange program funding by students who do not return to work in the state.
- Adds a section to clarify the authority and responsibility for the appointment of institution presidents, including who determines and selects a consultant to assist in the recruitment of applicants to be an institution president, the same as the House.
- Adds a section regarding the terms of the contract for the Commissioner of Higher Education, including the source of funds for a position at an institution under the control of the State Board of Higher Education awarded as a term of the contract, the same as the House.
- Amends House Bill No. 1437, as approved by the 69th Legislative Assembly, relating to academic tenure policy at institutions of higher education. The House also amended House Bill No. 1437.
- Adjusts the higher education funding formula to increase the pharmacy program professional credit weight from 9 to 14, the same as the House. The Senate increased the pharmacy program professional credit weight to 25.
- Adjusts the qualification requirements for the scholars program, the same as the House.
- Repeals Section 15-10-74, relating to the naming of the Bismarck State College polytechnic center the Larry C. Skogen polytechnic institute, the same as the House.
- Authorizes the NDSU main research center and the Northern Crops Institute to continue unspent funds for capital projects. Neither the House nor the Senate included this authorization.
- Restricts the use of revenue generated from the sale of land by UND to deferred maintenance and extraordinary repairs, the same as the House.
- Adds a section to direct UND to develop and implement student recruitment and acceptance strategies to increase resident medical student enrollment at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and in the physician assistant program. The House included similar language.
- Adds a section to provide for a report to the Legislative Management regarding Praxis core testing performance, the same as the House.
- Adds a section to provide legislative intent for the hiring of a new Commissioner of higher education and to direct the State Board of Higher Education to study the costs and benefits of a system of higher education led by a chancellor compared to a commissioner. The House included similar language.
- Adds a section of legislative intent to express support for the completion of an allied health facility expansion at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences. The House provided similar legislative intent.
- Adds a section to provide legislative intent that the State Board of Higher Education not enter into unauthorized separation or early retirement agreements with a cost to the state and its institutions. The House included similar language.
- Adds an emergency clause for capital project, bonding, workforce education innovation fund, and land sale sections in the bill. Neither the House version nor the Senate version included an emergency clause for this purpose.